

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-24 are pending and under consideration.

Rejection of Claims 1, 7, 9, 13, and 19-21 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 7, 9, 13, and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,862,257 issued to Lin et al. (hereinafter referred to as "Lin") in view of KR P1999-003365 to Jung. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Lin's U.S. Patent Application filing date is March 7, 2003. Although the present application was filed on July 16, 2003, the present application properly claims the benefit of Korean Patent Application No. 2002-57810 filed on September 24, 2002. As indicated on Form PTOL-326 of the Office Action, Applicants have properly made a claim for priority and filed a certified copy of the priority document, Korean Patent Application No. 2002-57810.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.55, Applicants submit concurrently herewith an English translation of the certified copy of the priority document, Korean Patent Application No. 2002-57810. Because the effective filing date of the present patent application is September 24, 2002 and Lin's effective filing date is March 7, 2003, Lin is not prior art.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Objection to Claims 2-6, 8, 10-12, 14-18, and 22-24

On page 4, the Office Action objects to claims 2-6, 10-12, 14-18, and 22-24 because these claims are dependent upon a rejected base claim. As indicated above, Lin is not prior art, and therefore Lin cannot be used to reject any claims in this patent application.

There being no further outstanding rejections to independent claims 1, 9, and 20, withdrawal of the objection to claims 2-6, 10-12, 14-18, and 22-24 is respectfully requested.

Summary

Claims 1-24 are pending and under consideration. It is respectfully submitted that none of the references taken alone or in combination disclose the present claimed invention.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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